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Summary record (partial)* of the 1331st meeting**
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Chairperson: Ms. Hayashi

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 12.50 p.m.

Adoption of the report of the Committee on its sixty-first session
(CEDAW/C/BOL/CO/5-6; CEDAW/C/HRV/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/GMB/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/NAM/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/VCT/CO/4-8; CEDAW/C/SEN/CO/3-7; CEDAW/C/ESP/CO/7-8; CEDAW/C/VNM/CO/7-8 and CEDAW/C/2015/II/CRP.1)

1. **Ms. Schulz** introduced the Committee's draft report, which was contained in document CEDAW/C/2015/II/CRP.1. She drew attention to chapter IV of the draft report concerning the draft concluding observations on the eight State party reports that the Committee had considered during its sixty-first session, which were contained in documents CEDAW/C/BOL/CO/5-6; CEDAW/C/HRV/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/GMB/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/NAM/CO/4-5; CEDAW/C/VCT/CO/4-8; CEDAW/C/SEN/CO/3-7; CEDAW/C/ESP/CO/7-8 and CEDAW/C/VNM/CO/7-8.

2. **The Chairperson** said that she took it that the Committee wished to adopt the documents containing the draft concluding observations.

3. *It was so decided.*

4. **Ms. Schulz** introduced the draft report of the Working Group of the Whole, contained in chapters VI and VII of the draft report. She also introduced the provisional agenda for the sixty-second session, contained in the draft report.

5. *The provisional agenda for the sixty-second session was adopted.*

6. *The draft report of the Committee on its sixty-first session was adopted as a whole, subject to finalization by the Rapporteur.*

Statement by the Chairperson

7. **The Chairperson** said that the Committee had considered eight State party reports during the session. It had held informal meetings with NGOs and had attended several lunchtime briefings organized by NGOs, which, once again, had made significant contributions to the Committee's work.

8. Thanks were due to the United Nations entities and other intergovernmental bodies that had provided detailed information, including the inter-agency group on reporting that had coordinated the submission of information by United Nations country teams to the Committee.

9. The Committee had made satisfactory progress in implementing General Assembly resolution 68/268 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, in particular through its decisions on the guidelines against intimidation or reprisals (San José Guidelines) adopted at the twenty-seventh meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies, and on consultations concerning general comments and recommendations and the drafting of those texts. The Committee, through the working group on working methods, would continue its efforts to adapt the San José Guidelines to its specific mandate.

10. The major achievements of the session had included the adoption of general recommendation No. 33 on women's access to justice, which represented a milestone in the protection of women's rights; the first reading of draft general recommendation No. 34 on rural women, which was expected to be adopted at the Committee's sixty-second session; and the progress made in updating general recommendation No. 19 on violence against women. The Committee had adopted four decisions on individual communications with input from the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol. Furthermore, the preparatory work of the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol, which had met for the first time before the

current session, had enabled the Committee to make progress in its methodological work on inquiries, which had included amending its standard operating procedures.

11. During the session, the Committee had also met with the Chairperson and gender focal point of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and had participated in a videoconference with the Chief of Research and Data of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on the proposed indicators for the sustainable development goal target on gender equality. The Committee had also taken part in the expert discussion on international development practice and women's economic and social rights organized by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

Closure of the session

12. Following an exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the sixty-first session closed.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.